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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KENYA'S 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE: ATMOSPHERICS
 OF U.S. PARTICIPATION

SHIP VISIT AND FLY-BY RESOUNDING SUCCESS. PRECISELY
RIGHT PROFILE MAINTAINED. PRESS UNDER-REPORTED AND AT
NO TIME ALLUDED TO PARTICIPATION AS BEING ANYTHING BUT
CEREMONIAL. AFTER FLY-BY AT JAMHURI PARK, BOTH FOREIGN
MINISTER WAIYAKI AND ATTORNEY GENERAL NJONJO BEAMED AT ME
FROM A DISTANCE, MAKING THUMBS-UP SIGNAL. LATER, NUMBER
OF KENYAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS "CONGRATULATED" ME,
AS DID MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, NOTABLY: BRITISH,
FRENCH, GERMANY, ITALIAN, AUSTRALIAN, CYPRIOT,
JAPANESE (WHO WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO DO SO). EGYPTIAN
"DEBRIEFED" ME IN HIS USUAL MANNER, PRODDING ON
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QUESTION REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIP VISIT, TO WHICH

I REPLIED AS PROGRAMED. I DID NOT VOLUNTEER NAME OF
USS GUAM'S NEXT PORT. EVEN RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR (HIS
INTERPRETER WASN'T NEARBY AT THE TIME) SAID, "IT WAS A
GOOD PERFORMANCE," AND THEN LOOKED AROUND, SLIGHTLY
EMBARRASSED. SOMALI AMBASSADOR, WHOM I SPOKE TO ON
LEAVING JAMHURI PARK WAS PLEASANT, THOUGH HE LOOKED A
LITTLE LONG IN THE FACE. HE DID NOT "CONGRATULATE" ME.
APOSTOLIC DELEGATE SHOOK MY HAND SINCERELY AND STATED,
WITH A QUESTION IN HIS VOICE, "IT'S ALL FOR THE PURPOSE
OF PEACE." I REPLIED THAT "PAX VOBISCUM" WAS "IT."
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